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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. TORRES of New York).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 8, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RITCHIE TORRES to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Receive, O Lord, our best intentions for this day. Receive them, redeem them, and be present in them, that in whatever we do, Your will would be done.

Should we miss the mark, transform our efforts, that they would achieve the best outcomes for the people You have called us to serve. And when we are successful in meeting the expectations we have set for ourselves, set our sights even higher that we would strive to meet the potential You have called us to discover. Then may our work be fruitful and of benefit to Your creation.

In all that we set forth to do, may we heed Your direction and do what You desire for us without grumbling or questioning. But with joy and enthusiasm may we choose to follow Your will for us.

Whatever we do this day—what we eat or drink, what we say or think, where we go and where we are—may it reflect our love for You.

We offer ourselves to You, praying in Your most merciful name.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Virginia (Ms. SPANBERGER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. SPANBERGER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

NONCITIZEN VETERANS DESERVE PATHWAY TO CITIZENSHIP

(Ms. GARCIA of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the passage of the Veteran Service Recognition Act.

Shockingly, many noncitizen veterans have been unjustly deported after honorable service. This is wrong. It is cruel, and it must stop.

Veterans risk their lives to protect our Nation, and now it is up to us to honor their service regardless of their immigration status.

The historic passage of the Veteran Service Recognition Act honors noncitizen veterans and servicemembers by

giving them a fair shot at a pathway to citizenship.

It puts veterans over politics. It honors service over politics. It is fair, and it is the American way. That is why I was so proud to strongly support this bill that passed on Tuesday.

It is now up to the Senate to show noncitizen veterans and servicemembers the respect and dignity they deserve by passing the Veteran Service Recognition Act.

TCU HORNED FROGS HEADED TO CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

(Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, from given no chance in the preseason polls to making it to the Big 12 championship game, the TCU Horned Frogs have come a long way and are officially headed to the College Football Playoff game.

I am tremendously proud of the team for an incredible season, with 12 consecutive wins, ranking third in the Nation, and making history with being the first team in the State of Texas to make it to the College Football Playoff.

Needless to say, this has been a historic year for TCU, and it could not have been possible without our first-year coach and coach of the year, Sonny Dykes; our quarterback, Max Duggan; all the players and staff who work tirelessly on the sidelines and on the field to make the team one of the best in the country; and most importantly, all the fans, the best in the Nation, who showed up to every game decked out in TCU purple to cheer and support the Horned Frogs.

As a proud alumnus and trustee of the university, I look forward to watching the fighting TCU Horned Frogs take the field on December 31 at the Fiesta Bowl in Phoenix, Arizona.

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